



# SYNOPSIS

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## HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 25, 2016

### **HB 1597 Delegate Oaks, et al**

#### **CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL MARYLAND URBAN PROGRAM AND STEM CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Urban Program and STEM Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

### **HB 1598 Delegate Parrott, et al**

#### **RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS – EXEMPT HIGHWAY–RAIL GRADE CROSSING PLAQUE**

Exempting specified vehicles from the requirement to stop at specified railroad grade crossings if the railroad grade crossing has an exempt highway–rail grade crossing plaque as described in the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 21-703 - amended

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### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**HB 1599 Delegate Brooks, et al****REAL PROPERTY – RESTRICTIONS ON USE – SOLAR COLLECTOR SYSTEMS**

Authorizing specified restrictions on use regarding land use to prohibit the installation of a solar collector system on the land, not including improvements to the land, of residential real property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

RP, § 2-119 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1600 Delegate Brooks, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – BALTIMORE HUMANE SOCIETY ANIMAL SAFETY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$165,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Humane Society of Baltimore County, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Baltimore Humane Society, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

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**HB 1601 Delegates Cluster and Folden****CRIMINAL LAW – THREAT AGAINST STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIAL – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Making it a misdemeanor to knowingly and willfully make a threat, or conspire to make a threat, to take the life of, kidnap, or cause physical injury to a law enforcement officer; imposing penalties for violation of the Act of imprisonment not to exceed 3 years or a maximum fine of \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 3-708 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1602 Delegate Brooks, et al****INCOME TAX – INTEREST RATE ON REFUNDS**

Requiring the Comptroller to set the annual interest rate for refunds of income tax as the percent, rounded to the nearest whole number, that is 2 percentage points less than the annual interest rate set by the Comptroller on money owed to the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 13-604 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1603 Delegate Frush, et al****SUSTAINABLE OYSTER HARVEST ACT OF 2016**

Requiring the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science to conduct a specified study related to the public oyster fishery; requiring the Center to report to the Governor, the Department of Natural Resources, the Oyster Advisory Commission, and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2017; and prohibiting the Department from taking specified actions until after the Center has made its report.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1604 Delegate Glenn, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – EDUCATION – HISTORY AND CULTURE CURRICULUM – LARRY GIBSON TEACHER AWARD**

Requiring the Chief Academic Officer in the Baltimore City Public School System to develop and implement curriculum content standards for specified grades relating to the history and culture of any minority group that constitutes two-thirds of the student body of the Baltimore City Public School System; establishing the Larry Gibson Teacher Award to assist in the repayment of student loans owed by public school teachers in the State who received an undergraduate degree from Coppin State or Morgan State University; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 4-305 and 18-1502 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1605 Delegate Adams****UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – SAFE HARBOR – ESTABLISHMENT**

Specifying that, except under specified circumstances, a worker is not an employee for purposes of specified unemployment insurance obligations; specifying that a specified provision of the Act regarding classification of a worker does not apply under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, § 8-201.1 - amended and § 8-201.2 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1606 Delegate Glenn****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – DR. CHRISTINA PHILLIPS COMMUNITY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Community Initiatives Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Dr. Christina Phillips Community Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1607 Delegate Anderson****UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 2016**

Merging specified higher education institutions to be called the University of Maryland; requiring each campus of the University of Maryland to have a president; requiring the presidents to jointly develop and implement a plan that encourages and promotes alignment, cooperation, and collaboration between specified campuses; creating a Center for Maryland Advanced Ventures to pursue grant funding, to develop guidelines for technology transfer to the private sector, and to identify projects appropriate for commercialization; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Art. 2B, AG, CJ, CR, CP, EC, ED, GP, HG, LU, NR, PU, SG, SP, and TR, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

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